Safety norms for construction of schools

†1307. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rules regarding constructions to be raised on the land allotted by DDA for nursery, middle and high schools in Delhi are as per the safety norms;

(b) whether additional land can be allotted again to the schools which have already been allotted adequate land; and

(c) whether the area of the land to be allotted is earmarked as per the level of the classes, if so, the details thereof and whether multistoried buildings can also be constructed for nursery level schools?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Delhi Development Authority have reported that for school buildings clearance is obtained from Chief Fire Officer regarding fire safety. As regards structural safety, the owner/applicant submits a structural safety certificate duly certified by the Registered Structural Engineer.

(b) Normally no additional land to the same school is allotted.

(c) The Master Plan for Delhi-2001 prescribes various land area standards for different levels of schools. Land to schools is allotted as per said norms. However, in case of site constraints, 15% variation in the size of school plots is permissible. The maximum height for nursery school prescribed in MPD-2001 is 8 meters.

Slums in Delhi

†1308. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee had been constituted by Government for obtaining the suggestions for making Delhi Metropolitan city free from slums;

(b) if so, the names of members of the Committee;

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(c) whether this Committee had to submit its report to Government within a scheduled time period;

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether Government have received the report within the stipulated time; and

(e) if not, by when the report is likely to be received?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee headed by Vice Chairman, Delhi Development Authority (DDA) includes Joint Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India; Principal Secretary (UD), Govt. of NCT of Delhi; Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD); Additional Commissioner (Slums), MCD; Chairperson, New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) and Commissioner (Planning), DDA as Members.

(c) to (e) The terms of reference of the Committee are as follows:-

(i) Prepare an Action Plan for making Delhi slum free by way of relocation/rehabilitation of slum dwellers in terms of the existing policy of GNCTD within a time frame of 5 years.

(ii) Explore the possibility of *in-situ* regularisation where possible and permissible, keeping in view the land use and environmental parameters.

(iii) Consider and recommend alternate models for slum relocation including multi-storeyed tenements resettlement through cooperative societies of slum dwellers etc.

(iv) Provision of physical and social infrastructure in a coordinated and time bound manner.

(v) Strategy to prevent encroachment on Govt. land and growth of new slums.

(vi) Accountability of officials for prevention of encroachment on public lands and appropriate development of vacated lands.

(vii) Any other matter relevant to the issue.

The Committee, which was constituted on 24.6.2004, was to submit its report within two weeks. Though it has held a number of meetings, in view of the complexity of the issues involved and the magnitude of the task, the Committee has not been able to complete the work. The Chairman of the Committee has been asked to expedite its report.

Contaminated drinking water in Delhi

†1309. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn towards the report published by the Centre for Science and Environment in which it has been mentioned that there is increase in diseases in Delhites due to polluted drinking water;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government have asked for the information from the concerned departments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. However, the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has informed that it is not true that water borne diseases are spreading in Delhi due to supply of drinking water. The treated water leaving the treatment plants, is tested for physiochemical, microbiological, toxic metals, pesticides, trihaomethanes etc. from outside agencies like National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), Nagpur. None of these parameters have been found beyond the prescribed limits laid down by Bureau of Indian Standards IS-10500-1993.

In addition agencies like National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD) and Municipal Corporation of Delhi are also independently testing the drinking water being supplied by DJB to ascertain its potability. The joint survey with MCD health authorities carried

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